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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 42 of the First Extraordinary Session
By Davis (Wash)

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate East Tennessee State University's School of Nursing on being ranked 26th in the nation among nurse practitioner programs by the *U.S. News and World Report*.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the elected officials of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those remarkable institutions that have made significant contributions to this great state; and

WHEREAS, East Tennessee State University's College of Nursing is one such estimable institution, having been recently ranked 26th in the nation, for the second consecutive year, for its outstanding nurse practitioner program by *U.S. News and World Report*; and

WHEREAS, the College of Nursing achieved this high ranking among more than 300 of the nation's graduate schools; and

WHEREAS, the nurse practitioner program is part of ETSU's Master of Science in Nursing program; and

WHEREAS, The M.S.N. program began in 1991 and graduated its first class the following year; and

WHEREAS, the rankings were determined by a reputation survey that is sent to academic deans and senior faculty members at medical and nursing programs across the

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country; officials receiving this survey were asked to rank the schools in terms of their reputation in a variety of programs and specialty offerings; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Joellen B. Edwards, dean of nursing, stated, “I am proud that our family nurse practitioner specialty, which is only eight years old, has garnered recognition at the national level for two years running”; and

WHEREAS, this esteemed ranking is a great source of pride and joy for ETSU and the entire community; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that we pause in our deliberations to congratulate this fine institution of higher learning on their prestigious honor; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we hereby honor and congratulate the faculty, staff, students, and alumni at East Tennessee State University’s College of Nursing on being ranked among the top nursing programs in the nation, salute their striving for excellence, and wish them success in all future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.